sterilisation of instruments; if so, the remedial steps Government propose to take; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Gas burners are lying unused for want of LPG Cylinders, which have not yet been supplied during the last more than one year to CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi; if so, the reasons for delay in supplying LPG Cylinders and taking decision to supply LPG inspite of the appliances already supplied as stated in Part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes. Sir. During 1988 an amount of Rs. 1300|- was spent for the purchase of Hot Plates.

(b) and (c) Out of 88 LPG burners purchased during 1987-88, 86 are of small size, and remaining two are big size (Canteen burners). 49 small size burners have been issued to different dispensaries. Two big size burners have been issued to Ayurvedic Hospital for Kitchen purposes only.

(d) Yes, Sir. However, action to procure and supply LPG Gas cylinders wherever required is in progress.

Washing/uniform allowance to Nurses posted in CGHS Dispensaries

2178. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nurses posted in CGHS Dispensaries in Delhi, New Delhi are in receipt of washing and uniform allowance; if so, how much;

(b) what is the total amount being paid to Nurses by CGHS in a complete financial year;

(c) whether Government are aware that inspite of such a huge expenditure no surprise checks are being made by CGHS about the wearing of Uniforms and its washing in a proper manner; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether majority of the Nurses in CGHS Dispensaries do not wear Uniforms at all; if so, how the question of payment of washing and uniform allowances arises in their cases; and

(e) whether Government propose to make orders for deduction of such allowance for three months in respect of those Nurses who are not found in proper uniform at the time of surprise check quarterly or in whose cases Medical Officer Incharge/ Chief Medical Officers make complaints in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Nurses are in receipt of Washing allowances @ Rs. 75|- per month and Uniform allowances @ Rs. 125|- per month.

(b) The total amount paid to the nurses during financial year 1988-89 is Rs. 4,02,412|-

(c) No, Sir. Inspections are made regularly and all staff nurses are found in Uniform while on duty.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of answer to (c) above.

2179. [Transferred to the 29th March 1989].

Technology Mission on Housing

2180. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Pitroda Scientific advisor to the Prime Minister is to be given another Technology Mission on Housing; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER

OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no plan at present to have a Technology Mission in Housing.

(b) Does not arise.

Danger from Irradiation of Food

2181. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen Cause for Concern article by noted Columnist Ms. Neelam Mathew which focuses attention on danger from Irradiation of Foods;

(b) whether Government are aware that serious concern has been expressed on the subject at Canberra meeting of IOCU in November, 1988 and more recently at IOCU-PAN meetings held at Penang, Malaysia from 21st—28th January, 1989; and

(c) whether Government propose to call a meeting of interested consumer and health groups who are against irradiation and BARC and CFTRI who are in favour of irradiation despite mass of scientific evidence against food irradiation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Canberra Declaration of IOCU did not provide the public with a balanced view on food irradiation. There is no proposal to call such a meeting.

Drugs cleared for treatment of Leprosy

2182. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs cleared for marketing for treatment of Leprosy;

(b) what are the formulations based on these drugs either individually or in combination for which the permisson to manufacture has been granted alongwith composition of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that these drugs are very costly;

(d) what are the names of drugs which fall under Category-I of drugs Price Control Order and what are the details of formulations based on these drugs which are purchased by Government for free distribution;

(e) what was the quantity purchased of each formulation from each party alongwith the price during the last three years, year-wise.

(f) whether it is a fact that these medicines are purchased for eradication of Leprosy programmes; and

(g) if so, what was the budget allocated for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Following three drugs are procured for treatment of leprosy patients under National Leprosy Eradication Programme:

(i) Dapsone
(ii) Rifampicin
(iii) Clofazimine

(b) These drugs are made available to the patients under National Leprosy Eradication Programme in following Strengths: